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RE: Docket 98P-0203/CP

Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I am writing to inform you that I strongly support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens. Forced molting is not only extremely cruel, but birds forced to molt tend to produce more salmonella infected eggs. This is an approach which needs to be ended.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

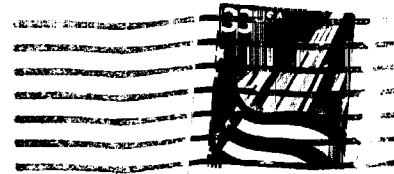


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